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6 May 1965

Dear Dean:

After my "swearing-in" ceremony April 28th the President showed me a letter which Mr. McCone had just handed him.

The President asked me to prepare my comments on the letter of Mr. McCone, which I have done after considerable thought and consultation.

I have provided Secretary of Defense with a similar set of papers with the view that perhaps we should confer prior to my response to the President.

In view of the signs of a "build-up" overseas and the time elapsed from Wednesday, April 28th, I would appreciate an early opportunity to confer with you before the President calls for my response on this matter.

Sincerely,

"Red"

William F. Raborn, Jr.  
Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.)

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The Honorable Dean Rusk  
The Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

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